

# MEET THE TEAM

The HITS Gold Cup Team is comprised of 21 female competitive figure skaters, ranging in age from 10- 18 years old, ready to represent TEAM USA.

Camella Age: 14



I have been a member of the HITS team for 2 years and have skated at Ice Skate Memorial City for over 6 years. I am a freshman in high school where I am a part of the drill team and the Tommy Tune award-winning theatre program. HITS allows me to merge two of my favorite things: skating and theatre. In my spare time, I enjoy singing and hanging out with my dog. I am honored to represent Team USA with my friends and fellow teammates at the Gold Cup in Bordeaux, France.

**Lola** Age: 12



This will be my 4th season participating in HITS and it truly has given me a place to belong. Before heading to France, I will compete at the Midwestern Sectional Championships in the Juvenile Girls level in Minneapolis, MN. When I am not at Ice Skate Memorial City, I participate in my school's 6th grade Pep Squad. I have also been recognized as Scholar-Athlete of the Month by my school district.

I cannot wait to represent the United States!

**Casie** Age: 16



This is my 5th year on the HITS team and I couldn't be more excited to be going to France. I have been skating with the Memorial Figure Skating Club for as long as I can remember, and this team has truly allowed me to create some of the best friendships, so being able to go to France with all of them is truly a dream come true. I know this year will be very special. When I am not skating, I love watching movies, playing with my dogs, and going to Costco.

**Violet** Age: 11



I first started skating at Memorial City as a 3-year-old. Now I compete at the Pre-Juvenile level and recently passed my silver skating skills test. I have been on the HITS team for 3 seasons and I'm so excited to represent the US in France! Outside of skating, I love to read as much as possible (especially when my two cats are sitting with me). I also play piano and love math and creative writing.

**Ruby Jean** Age: 10



I have been skating since I was 4 years old and have enjoyed being on the HITS team for 3 years. I love to skate because it challenges me and provides me with a lot of opportunities to perform! When I'm not skating I enjoy reading, being with friends, and playing outside! I hope to be an actress when I grow up!

#### Scarlett

Age: 12



I'm 12 years old but I've been a figure skater for 9 years, starting at the age of 3 in Canada. I'm a member of the US Figure Skating National Development Team and began skating with HITS in 2019! When I'm not skating, I love to crochet, bake, and hang out with my friends and family. When I'm on the ice I feel powerful and creative which is why I love it!

#### Limulaki

Age: 16



I have been skating since I was 8 years old and joined HITS last year and I absolutely love it. I'm half Tongan and as far as I know, I am the only competitive Tongan figure skater. I love to spend time coaching the younger skaters in the learn-to-skate program. When I'm not at Ice Skate Memorial City I'm at home with my family and pets. One of my goals is to tour with Disney on Ice after I graduate high school.

### Sophia

Age: 16



This will be my 4th season on HITS and I am very excited to have this opportunity to compete in France on behalf of Team USA. Theater on Ice is something that has been a big part of my figure skating career and I enjoy it very much. Skating takes up most of my life outside of school, but when I'm not on the ice, I enjoy hanging out with my friends, listening to music, and drawing/painting. I hope to try to continue skating after graduating high school as well as pursuing a degree in architecture or possibly engineering.

Valeria

Age: 17



Skating has been a big part of my life since I was 6 years old, and to represent Team USA at the Theatre on Ice Gold Cup in France is an immense honor. This past year, I competed at the Senior level and qualified for National Excel Finals at which I was awarded the Founders Trophy. Outside of skating, I love to play guitar, go to the gym, and hang out with my friends. After high school, I plan to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice and then attend Law school to become a Criminal Defense Attorney.





This is my fourth year skating with the HITS team. Representing the USA is the honor of a lifetime and the fulfillment of my wildest dreams. In addition to Theatre on Ice, I am an ice dancer who competes at the Novice level. When I graduate high school in 2025, I plan to continue to skate while attending college. **Sara** Age: 16



I started figure skating when I was six years old and I have loved this sport ever since. This is my sixth year skating with HITS and I am so excited to have the opportunity to compete at the Gold Cup in France, representing Team USA. My other hobbies include reading, traveling, and listening to music. I am a member of the Model United Nations club in my school, and I plan to study International Relations in college.

## Taylia

Age: 16



I have skated with HITS at Memorial City for 3 seasons and am very excited to represent Team USA with my teammates. Last season I qualified for Excel Nationals, and National Showcase. I skate at the Pre-Gold Level and love to be out on the ice performing . I coach Learn to Skate classes and enjoy helping kids and giving back to a community that's given me so much joy and opportunity. When I'm not on the ice I love to spend time with my friends and sisters. I graduate high school in 2025 and then hope to tour with Disney on Ice.

### Rebekah

Age: 16



I have skated with HITS at Memorial City Ice for 3 seasons and I am very honored to represent Team USA in France in April. I have been figure skating since I was 5 years old and spend most of my free time on the ice. In addition to HITS, I also skate for the Houston Elite synchronized skating team. When not on the ice, I am the co-captain of my high school robotics team. I love math and science and plan to pursue a career in chemical engineering once I graduate.

Bethany

Age: 17



I have skated with HITS for 2 seasons now, so I am overjoyed to skate with this amazing team for a third year! I have been skating for 2.5 years now, and I am currently a pre-silver skater. I and fluent in Russian, so I enjoy volunteering with the local Ukrainian communities, and I am hoping to dual major in Russian language and microbiology at University. I also enjoy reading, skating, and traveling!

Paige Age: 17



I have been skating since I was 4 years old and have competed in singles and showcase. I am the 2021 National Excel Bronze Medalist. I coach Learn to Skate and am a private skating coach to 4 students. Joining the HITS team has been an amazing experience that has led to many new friendships and camaraderie which can be difficult to find in an individual sport such as figure skating. Becoming two time National Champions and now being selected to represent Team USA makes it even more rewarding. It is such a blessing to be a part of this team! Ella Grace Age: 17



I have skated with HITS for 6 seasons and I am very excited to represent Team USA in France in April. When I'm off the ice, some hobbies I participate in are piano, choral singing, and jiu-jitsu. HITS has truly made such an impact on my life, I have made many friends and memories through the years which I cherish very dear to my heart. When I graduate in 2025, I hope to continue my career in Figure Skating by performing for Disney on Ice!

### **Paisley** Age: 15



I have skated with HITS at Memorial City Ice for 2 seasons and I am very honored to represent Team USA in France in April. I currently skate at the Junior level in USFS, passed all my Field Moves, and I'm currently on Pre-Gold pattern dance. When I am not on the ice, I participate in Choir, Robotics, National Honor Society, Science National Honor Society, and Girls Who Code at my high school. Outside of school I participate in a Student Hero program at the Houston Food Bank and help out at my church with events.

### **Emersen** Age: 13



I have been skating since I was 7 years old and this is my 5th year competing with the HITS team. I love to skate because it's fun and I've made great friends. I've completed 3 years of a science magnet school and hope to study animal sciences in the future!

### Ayshin

Age: 16



I have skated with HITS at Memorial City for 2 seasons and I am very honored to represent Team USA in France next April. Being a part of the HITS team has made a big difference in my life. I know I will always cherish the memories I am making with my teammates. When I'm not on the ice, I actively participate in the FFA's floral design club at my high school and I enjoy creative arts and crafts projects.

Ceara



I am very honored to have been selected to represent Team USA in Bordeaux this spring! I've been skating for two and a half years and have spent most of that time competing in theatre on ice. It has truly become a home for me while still allowing me to be competitive. I love science and marine biology, and after I graduate in 2026 I hope to attend Oxford to become a surgeon.





I have been so grateful to be part of the HITS team for the second season and it's an unbelievable honor to represent Team USA in Bordeaux France in April. I am a freshman in high school and love performing. Skating is my first love but I am also an aerialist, on silks and lyra. I resumed skating just a few years ago after living in Florida and California. I love photography and world traveling.